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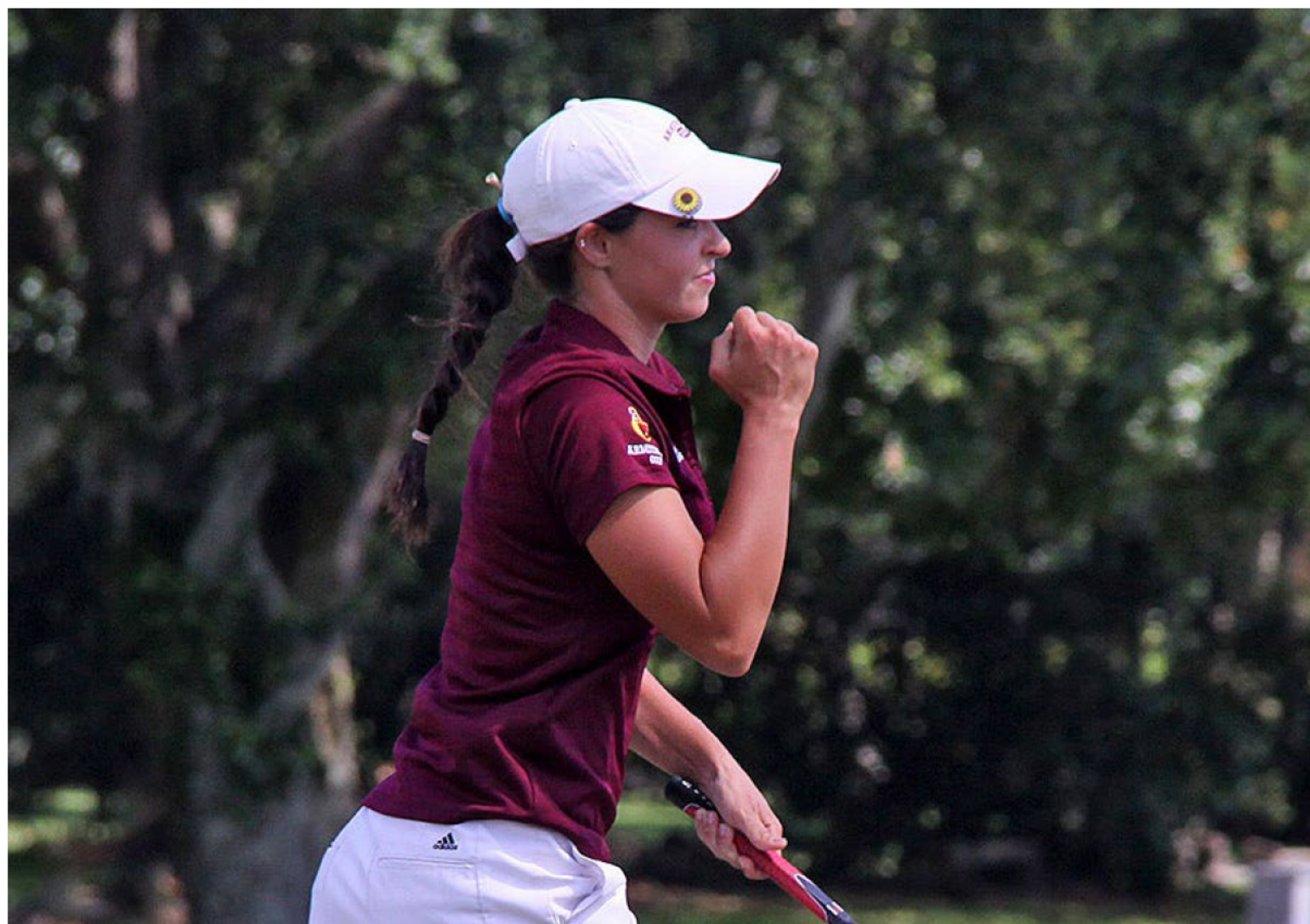
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**LAKELAND, Fla.** - Armstrong Atlantic State University junior **Kristen Sammarco** drained an 18-foot birdie putt on the second playoff hole on Tuesday to earn the third and final individual qualifying spot at the NCAA Division II Women's Golf South Regional, becoming the second Pirate to advance to the NCAA Division II National Championships.

As a team, the No. 15-ranked Pirates shot a final-round 320 and finished sixth out of the nine-team field with a 935 total as Lynn (900), Nova Southeastern (904) and Barry (907) were the three teams advancing to the nationals.

With three individual spots already locked up by Rollins' Annie Dulman, Lander's Teresa Caballer Hernani and Saint Leo's Clare Connolly, the final individual spot came down to a trio of golfers who all finished the tournament with 11-over-par 227 totals - Saint Leo's Clare Connolly, Rollins' Clara Teixeira and Sammarco.

The trio of golfers played Hole No. 18, a 351-yard par 4, and Teixeira and Sammarco each scored a par while Connolly was eliminated after carding a double bogey. Teixeira and Sammarco went back and played 18 again, and after Teixeira had made par, Sammarco drained the 18-footer to earn the spot into nationals.

Sammarco finished tied for eighth individually with her 227 total after shooting an 80 on Tuesday. Junior **Jenna Birch** shot the day's best round for the Pirates with a 75, tying for 13th individually with a 228 total. Junior **Kiley Mettler** shot an 82 on Tuesday to finish tied for 28th with a 236 total while freshman **Brendie Rockholt** shot an 83 to tie for 39th individually with a 244 total. Sophomore **Pamela Mosley** finished in 47th place after an 85 on Tuesday for a 254 total.

Birch qualified as an individual in 2012, advancing to the national championships and eventually tying for 21st, earning honorable mention All-America honors. Sammarco will now journey to the 2013 NCAA Division II Women's Golf National Championships on May 15-18 at LPGA International in Daytona Beach, Fla.





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